grains, etc. The implementation of the programme is reviewed on a continuous basis through concurrent evaluation which also throws up useful information on utilisation of foodgrains.

(d) The findings are as under:—

(i) With effect from Ist November, 1987 the distribution of foodgrains under the programme was restricted to 2.5 kg. per mandays. However, in most of the district in Karnataka, foodgrains continued to be given in much larger quantities upto January/February, 1988. In some cases major portion of wages was paid in foodgrains.

(ii) The programme guidelines permit utilisation of foodgrains on scarcity relief works provided the scarcity funds are placed at the disposal of the District Rural Development Agencies/ Zilla Parishad of the scarcity affected areas as additive to the funds given under the programme. While utilising foodgrains given under the programme on scarcity relief works in Karnataka, however, the procedure of placing funds at the disposal of DRDAs/Zilla Parishads was not strictly followed.

(iii) Foodgrains given under the programme in the State were also utilised on works taken up under other schemes of the State Government like Western Ghat Development Scheme which is not permissible under the programme.

**सूखे की स्थिति के कारण हुई क्षति**

1380. **श्री मीर्जा इशाक बेग** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस वर्ष सूखे की स्थिति के संबंध में जिन-जिन राज्यों को सहायता तथा अनुदान दिये गये हैं उनके नाम क्या हैं तथा उन्हें कितनी धनराशि और किस रूप में सहायता दी गई है ; और

(ख) इस सहायता द्वारा कितने व्यक्ति तथा पशु लाभान्वित हुए हैं ;

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में राहत कार्यों के संबंध में किस हद तक काम किया गया; और

(घ) सूखे की स्थिति की वर्तमान हालत क्या है ?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव)** : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(घ) उन सभी राज्यों में जो 1987 के सूखा से प्रभावित हुए थे, वर्तमान दक्षिण-पश्चिमी मानसून के दौरान, अभी तक अधिक या सामान्य वर्षा हुई है ।

**All India Urdu Service of AI R**

1381. SRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Urdu Service on All India Radio does not begin its daily programme with enchanting Vande Mataram when all other services do;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is likely to be made compulsory even for All India Urdu Service on AIR to begin with Vande Mataram in future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All India Radio broadcasts 'Vande Matram' at the commencement of all transmissions except in the External Services. Urdu Service, being part of the External Service, does not begin with 'Vande Matram'. In External Service Broadcasts, which are beamed for the listening audience in foreign countries, the traditions and cultural sensitivity of the target-areas are kept in view.